

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	66114	Agenda Number	71.
Meeting Date:	12/15/2016		Department:	Transportation	
Subject					
Approve a resolution supporting staff recommendations regarding posted speed limits developed as a result of Council Resolution No. 20160519-049 that adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20160519-049.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	December 7, 2016 – Reviewed by the Mobility Committee and forwarded to Council with a recommendation to approve on a 3-1 vote with Council Member Zimmerman opposed.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>On May 19, 2016, the Austin City Council passed Resolution No. 20160519-049, directing the City Manager to adopt and implement the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Resolution directs the City Manager to analyze existing and emerging transportation practices related to the establishment of posted roadway speeds, with equal emphasis on high speed roads, secondary streets, and neighborhood streets, and to identify methods and opportunities to reduce posted speed limits.</p> <p>Based on a review of safety literature, existing and emerging practices in peer cities, Austin Transportation Department staff developed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support legislative efforts to lower the prima facie speed to 25 mph.• Incorporate target design speeds into plans & manuals.• Systematically evaluate arterial speed limits citywide for appropriateness.• Establish a neighborhood slow zone pilot. <p>On December 7, 2016, the City Council Mobility Committee received a briefing on staff’s recommendations and voted 3-1 to forward the item to the full Council with a recommendation to approve.</p>					